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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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February 2007 is National Prevent a Litter Month, which is designed to raise awareness of the many unwanted puppies and kittens that are the result of accidental or unplanned breeding across the United States.

Spaying and neutering of dogs and cats prevents unwanted litters that overcrowd animal shelters throughout the country. In addition, spaying and neutering also provides many behavioral and medical benefits to dogs and cats. Spayed and neutered dogs and cats are less likely to develop aggression problems and roam far away from home and therefore are less likely to be lost, hit by a car, injured in a fight, or abused. Spaying and neutering also decreases the risk of certain types of reproductive organ cancers.

The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control in coordination with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance that requires all residents of unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County to have their dogs spayed or neutered as well as having an identification microchip implanted in each dog in an effort to help solve the problem of pet overpopulation and unwanted litters.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby proclaim the month of February 2007 as “National Prevent a Litter

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Month” in Los Angeles County and that all residents be encouraged to spay and neuter their pets to prevent unwanted litters.

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